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# Nazis Drive South, Greeks Admit, In Ceaseless Hammering at Lines; Barrage Breaks Up London Raid

### **Unending Waves** Hit Defenses, Athens Says

BACKGROUND-

Germany invaded Yugoslavia and Greece on Palm Sunday, after former repudiated signature of pact with axis and latter refused to heed demands for negotiation of peace with Italy. Nazi forces drove south to the Aegean, captured Salonika, overran Yugoslavia and attacked Greece down Vardar and Struma River Valleys.

(Sunday).—The Greek high yesterday at his home. command announced early toa push toward the south."

This was the first indication from here in 24 hours that the Germans had gained ground, both British and Greek reports up to midafternoon yesterday saying the Allies were holding fast against the Nazi assaults.

Just where the German thrust was made or how far was not dis-(The Germans yesterday claimed the swastika had been ment hoisted over Mount Olympus and Larisa, important communications

center 40 miles to the south.) The seriousness of the Allied position was emphasized by the official announcement that Premier Alexandros Korizis, whose death Friday went unexplained for 24 hours, committed suicide because of anguish over his country's unequal struggle

with Germany and Italy. Heavy Italian Casualties.

On the Albanian front, the high command said Greeks falling back before the Italians had inflicted heavy casualties on the Fascists in rearguard actions.

to harass the movement of our units, they turned back and chased them," the communique said. The government spokesman said

Greek artillery fire yesterday stopped an Italian attempt to approach the lines and that Italian forces moving toward Erseke-Androliko were Some prisoners were taken also, he said.

German columns which penetrated Northern Greece from Bitolj (Monastir), Yugoslavia, were unable to advance yesterday from positions reached on Friday, the

spokesman asserted. Fight Another Verdun. The early British communique declared that British and Greek forces, fighting another Verdun in the shadow of fabled Mount Olym-

pus, maintained an unbroken line against assaults by wave upon wave of German units. "Despite all efforts, our front no-

where has been penetrated," said a British communique issued here at 2:25 p.m (7:25 a.m., E. S. T.). It added that severe losses had been inflicted on the Germans and that many prisoners had been taken. Other reports from the northern front-Greek as well as Britishreaching Athens up to early afternoon indicated that the tightened Allied line was unchanged, its flanks unturned in the preceding

#### 12 hours Mowed Down by Hundreds.

The British imperial forces were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Greeks along the entire northinfantry struggled up the rugged seven Italian airplanes on the mountain sides in the full face of ground by machine-gun fire. the murderous Allied fire.

"We mow them down by the hundreds as they try to climb the steep Lieutenants to Wed, mountain sides." said a military officer, "but as soon as one way is But One's a Nurse thrown back another pushes for-

"Their losses are tremendous, unequaled, I believe, by anything they have suffered in the European war

of their Stukas, coming over 20

R. A. F. Hammers Germans R. A. F. was giving the Germans a

dose of their own medicine with heavy air assaults. Unable to force the narrow passes with their panzer units, the Germans were said to be using infantry

by the tens of thousands for the first time in the Balkan campaign. Military experts in Berlin admitted that the use of panzer units was impossible in the passes in the Greek mountains, and that infantry had to fight a way through the difficult terrain with the assistance of dive-

"These frontal assaults show no change from World War tactics, when the Reichswehr attacked with wave after wave of solid lines of infantry," one officer just returned

from the front said. British officials related that "Austrian prisoners show especially low morale and complain of the violence of our air attacks on convoys and troops on the march."

#### Americans in Zagreb Are Reported Safe

The State Department received candles. word last night that all Americans

A brief message to that effect, giving no names or other details, was received from the American Consul there, John James Meily of Complete Index, Page A-2 Philadelphia.

### Premier Took Life in Anguish Over War, Greece Announces

Korizis Shot Himself At Home Friday, Athens Declares

ATHENS, April 19.—Premier Alexandros Korizis took his own life because of anguish over Greece's unequal struggle with Germany and Italy, it was announced officially tonight

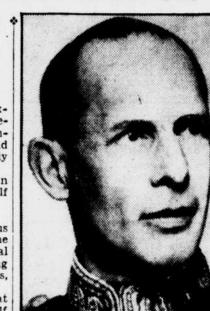
The 56-year-old premier, less than ATHENS, Greece, April 20 three months in office, shot himself An announcement said

"Korizis, having had a nervous day that the Germans, hammer- breakdown as the result of the ing in unending waves at the strain and emotion of the unequal British-Greek line, have "made struggle which Greece is waging against an army of two empires,

It was announced officially that King George II, reserving to himself for the time being the presidency of the Council of Ministers, had entrusted Gen. Alexander Mazarakis with formation of a new cabinet, which will have a military character due to the war circumstances.

Text of Announcement. The text of the latter announce-

"During the afternoon the King completed talks for the formation



-A.P. Wirephoto.

of a new government after receiving in audience and hearing the views of various personalities.

"The King, in ciew of the circumstances, reserved to himself for the time being the presidency of the

#### **British Press Drive** On Axis in Africa Seized; May Be Used For Nazis in Africa With Troops, Planes

R. A. F. Damages Number Of Vehicles in Convoy Requisition List

CAIRO, April 19.-The strengthened Army of the Nile and the Royal Air Force pursued the offensive in North Africa tonight against in recent months, reliable informcome to a virtual standstill in their

drive toward the Suez Canal. In an engagement with an axis motor convoy near the Egyptian frontier port of Salum, a communique said. British mobile units aided by the R. A. F. damaged a number of vehicles, including an armored car, and unharmed units

retreated at full speed. (A British broadcast heard by C. B. S. in New York said "there are no reports from North Africa of any renewed efforts of the Germans to continue their push

east of Tobruk.") Reports from the Libyan front said British airmen constantly harassed the enemy in the Tobruk re-

In Cirenaica yesterday, a communique said, R. A. F. and Aus- freight cars had been requisitioned tralian air units continuously at- and that 240,000 of the remainder tacked axis mechanized units and

troop concentrations. troops converging upon Ethiopa, was slowed up somewhat by road damage, but to the south, the British said, the advance of other imperial forces was progressing satisfactorily and many additional prisoners were taken. At the Kombolcha airdrome, in Ethiopia, South African airforce ern Greek front as waves of German fighters reported the destruction of

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., April 19.-First Lt. Rowe and Second Lt. Brown are getting married May

17-and to each other. Their romance began last Jan-The Nazis are bringing up heavy uary, when Miss Marie Irene Brown, guns, this informant said, to sup- 23, of Prairie Du Chien, Wis., replement the constant hammering ported for duty as a second lieutenant in the Nurses' Corps at the post hospital. There she met First Lt. William H. Rowe. 25, assigned The British communique said the to the recruit reception center. They will be married in St. James' Church at Highwood, Ill.

#### Nazis Claim 73 Ships Sunk in Eight Days

BERLIN, April 20 (Sunday).-A tabulation by D.N.B., German official news agency, today indicated that the German air force in eight days, from April 11-18, sank merchant

ships totaling 132,000 tons. Twenty-five vessels were listed as destroyed near England and in the Mediterranean. An additional 48 ships were said to have been damaged, some so seriously that their total loss was probable.

### **Greek Easter Masses** Cancelled Due to War

By the Associated Press. ATHENS, April 19.-The blackout and war conditions tonight forced cancellation of traditional midnight Greek Orthodox Easter masses where thousands once gathered before outdoor altars with lighted

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# (See KORIZIS, Page A-5.) 53 French Vessels

18,453-Ton Trans-Atlantic Liner De Grasse Heads

VICHY, France, April 19.-Fiftythree ships of nearly 240,000 tons have been requisitioned from France motorized forces which have ants said today, bringing at least one open demand that the government be firm and set a limit to such action.

(The cable did not say so, but the Germans apparently requisitioned the ships, perhaps to transport axis men and supplies to Africa.)

The trans-Atlantic French liner De Grasse, 18,453 tons, heads the list of ships reported requisitioned. Others include the Mexique, 12,220 tons; the Kerguelen, 10.123; the Vendee, 9,153; the Flandre, 8,571, and the Yangtse, 8,150.

Paper Called for Firmness.

This is the first figure on requisitioned means of transportation since it was learned that by last February 140,000 out of 450,000 French had been concentrated in occupied France. (These cars were requisi-

tioned by the German authorities.) Le Temps, influential newspaper, called early this week for governmental "firmness" to set "limits to the requisitioning." It said food supplies for France depended upon freedom of the sea and on domestic communications.

Up to now the Vichy government has directed its statements toward British seizures of French merchant vessels, saying that these seriously threatened the country's remaining imports and explaining that the losses could not be replaced for lack of shipyards.

This issue came to a head March 10, when the government announced the 108th British seizure of a French ship since the armistice and when Vice Premier Jean Darlan threatened to convoy the French merchant marine with the remainder of the French Navy.

Engagement at Nemours. This threat seemed fulfilled at the end of the month when shore batteries at Nemours engaged British ships which were trying to halt four French vessels convoyed by a torpedo boat. The French suffered four dead and seven wounded, but the ships succeeded in continuing. On April 2 the 2,998-ton Azrou, one of the ships in the convoy reached Marseille with a cargo of wool and food and it was reported later that a second ship of the same convoy, the 8.056-ton Bangkok, arrived at Marseille with a cargo of At Ankara, Nazis Say rubber.

On March 31 an official statement tined for the enemies of England." capital.

### Few of Luftwaffe **Craft Succeed in Dropping Bombs**

British warplanes 11 days ago subjected Berlin to terrific bombing, which damaged Prussian state opera, library and Bellevue Castle, residence of visiting statesmen. Germans retaliated early last week with war's most furious aerial attack on London, and British struck their heaviest blow of the war at Berlin.

the Associated Press.

LONDON, April 20 (Sunday) .-A furious barrage thrown up by London's anti-aircraft guns broke up German raiding formations over the capital early today and dulled the edge of a birthday blitz for Adolf Hitler. The instant and effective re-

sponse from anti-aircraft guns to the appearance of waves of raiders appeared to prevent the concentration of a sharp raid earlier n the night.
British shelling along the Thames In Iraq to Forestall

Estuary turned some of the raiders back, forced others aside and permitted only a few to drop their flares and high explosives on the It was reported other Nazi bomb-

ers were over the home counties and

several coastal towns, but it appeared the main weight of the Luftwaffe's foray on Hitler's 52d birthday today was directed against Attack From All Directions. Despite the rising tempo of antiaircraft fire and the droning of

twisting bombers over the city, the

veloped into the fury of the heaviest raid of all on London, carried out single planes coming in from all

bombs as they flew high and fast Al Gailani. Finally even the over the city. lone planes stopped and the all clear was sounded around 5 a.m. (11 p.m. E. S. T.) The Germans first roared on London from two directions early last night, scattering high explosives and incendiaries in many areas. But

believed due to a sudden and anparently temporary change in the weather. After midnight, the Germans reing through the shell curtain hit a more normal relations between the wardens post, trapping several. Between the boomings of the bat-

teries of anti-aircraft guns in the first raid, the drone of approaching raiders could be heard. They sounded menacingly near or low. Persons from various residential areas reported bombings, including

homes Wednesday night Many Flares Dropped

some who were bombed out of their

The Germans dropped many flares. One observer said there seemed to be more than in any previous raid. Basra—home port of the legendary They drifted down with agonizing slowness, while gunners tried to shoot them out of the sky.

While the raiders droned overhead with astonishing clearness, searchlight beams swept the skies in all directions, first individually and then converging suddenly. Scattered observers reported the

first stages of the attack as furious, but said after a while that it appeared to have spent itself, or, at least, lulled.

Among the first edifices damaged was one of the largest and most beautiful churches in London A stick of explosives dropped by

a lone raider broke the lull, but comparative quiet, broken only by occasional gunfire along the Thames Estuary, followed, Some German bombers wheeled about and fled when caught in the glare of search-

Parliament Houses Damaged. Both the House of Commons and the House of Lords were damaged in recent air raids, it was announced

All the windows of the House of Commons library were destroyed, a large water tank was smashed and

roof over the members' lobby. The Parliament buildings had suf-(See LONDON, Page A-5.)

Nazi bombs ripped a hole in the

# **Yugoslav Fugitives**

BERLIN, April 19 .- A DNB, Gerof the French Naval Ministry said man official news agency, dispatch the ships attacked off Nemours car- tonight from Ankara reported a ried "neither rubber nor war ma- plane bearing Yugoslav political teriel, nor any food supplies des- fugitives had landed at the Turkish

## Lord and Lady Halifax Shaken When Automobile Is Wrecked

Lord and Lady Halifax were, Mr. Wheeler said that he and shaken up but otherwise unhurt late Officer McCoy borrowed an autopike, near Colesville, Md.

Worthington Valley, fashionable

yesterday afternoon when their mobile from T. R. Cissel, Colesville 9,000 to surrender. two-car collision on the Colesville storekeeper, in which the Ambassador and his wife were taken to the which eventually took Baghdad and, The British Ambassador and his home of H. J. Fisher, a Connecticut after an armistice, the oil center of wife, who were on their way to publisher, in Worthington Valley. Officer McCoy said that the Am- Assyrian capital of Nineveh. Instead, the Greeks waited for Baltimore suburb, when the acci- bassador was reading the evening word last night that all Americans in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, were safe as pray for victory for their troops.

| April 15 | St.,300,510 | St., 300,510 | St., 30 The Halifax automobile was being a car in the opposite direction sidescorted by Montgomery County Poswiped the chauffeur-drive Halifax for Britain Inc. appounced today during the afternoon.

### News Note: All Germany Will Celebrate Hitler's Birthday Today, April 20 **Hull Arranges Flight British Forces Land**

New Government Fulfills Co-Operation Pledge, London Announces

Axis Seizure of Land

By the Associated Press LONDON, April 19 .- Strong British imperial forces landed at the Iraq port of Basra today in a swift move to keep that country's prized attack as dawn neared had not de- oil fields from the axis powers. It was announced officially that the new Iraq government-established April 4 in a coup then de-

scribed by British sources as axis-

instigated-was co-operating with

the British in line with assurances points of the compass, dropping given by Premier Sayid Rashid Ali Foreign circles expressed the opinion that this might mean early British recognition of the new Iraq regime and in any event would prob-

ably strengthen Turkish resistance to German encroachment Turkey Highway to Iraq. Turkey would of necessity be the German highway to Iraq and perthat attack was followed by a lullhaps to the Suez Canal as well. The official British announcement said the Iraq government's attitude had "made a favorable impression turned in force. Those planes filter. in London and leads to hope that

two countries may soon be established What bearing this might have on adjoining Syria, troubled French mandate lying between Turkey and the Suez, was not indicated. The official purpose of the Brit-

ish expedition, described simply as 'strong," was given as the opening up of lines of communication through Irag. Full Facilities Provided. It was announced that "full facilities" were afforded the British at first train, three of them tank cars,

Sinbad the Sailor—and that a high

Iraq officer welcomed the British commander and is collaborating by Cottage City, Bladensburg and have given the British a warm welcome in memory of the British and Indian soldiers in the World War. of the first train, which had come The country was created after the to a sudden stop when the emer-World War at Britain's instance, gency brakes were applied, escaped which drove into flight Regent when he saw the locomotive rush-Emir British sources had speculated that

bases and other footholds in Iraq. Iraq, the ancient land of Mesopotamia — embracing such biblical sites as the Garden of Eden, the tower of Babel, Babylon, Ur of the Chaldees, and Nineveh—was created as a British mandate from territory taken from the old Turkish

the Germans hoped to obtain air

Feisal I, the first king, was elected by the people and enthroned in 1921 with the blessing of Winston Churchill, then British colonial secretary. Feisal was the old Arab ally of T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence

backing for the kingship. His grandson, Feisal II, who will be 6 years old on May 2, has been

Acquired Full Sovereignty. in the event of a threat of war, was granted all facilities in Iraq. Under this clause the British expedition entered Basra, at the head of the

Persian Gulf.

natives by pledging full respect for their liberty and religion. The British then marched up the Tigris valley toward Baghdad, but besieged them for nearly five months,

When the old Turkish Empire

oined Germany in the World War,

The British threw in a new army Mosul, near the site of the old

escorted by Montgomery County Po-liceman Melvin Wheeler and Mary-liceman Melvin Wheeler and Melvin Wheeler land State Policeman C. E. McCoy ently to clear a truck parked on the had been sent for relief in Britain temperature high of 87 degrees, was on-Oceanic liner Monterey, en route during the last four months.

NEW ORLEANS, April 19.— Thanks to Secretary of State Hull, Thanks to Secretary of State Hull, Mrs. Pierre B. Clemenceau, New U. S.-Canada Ties Orleans born, completes her weary flight home from France next week, bringing her 8-months-old son, Paul, the great grandson of the late Premier Georges Clemenceau

The former Jane Louise Grunewald, married here in December, 1938, was living with her husband Bordeaux when France fell They fled to Marseille, then Dakar. and Mrs. Clemenceau made her way to Bolama, Portuguese Guinea. The trans-Atlantic Clipper stops there for fuel, but not for passengers. Friends appealed to Secretary

## Four Leap to Safety As Freight Train Plows Into Another

Five Cars and Caboose Demolished in Crash

Near Bladensburg (Pictures on Page A-3.)

Four trainmen jumped to safety to escape with minor injuries last night when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train plowed into the rear of another freight after it had made an emergency stop near the Prince Georges sewage disposal plant between the River road and Defense Highway crossings just across the

District Line. The caboose and five cars of the were demolished and so much oil spread along the right of way that fire engines were rushed from near-Hyattsville to guard against an out-The population was declared to break of fire. Fires were quickly drawn in the wrecked locomotive.

J. A. Hooper, Baltimore, conductor Previously, following the coup injury by leaping from the caboose Abdul Ilah, authoritative ing down upon him. The caboose was reduced to kindling.

Engineer M. L. Lambert of the second train, his fireman, E. T. Ambrose, and R. B. Cannon, a brakeman, jumped from their locomotive just before the impact, which damaged the front of their engine and demolished five cars, three of them loaded, and the caboose of the train

John E. Hughes, Baltimore, en halted, said he believed that an angle cock, which operates the turned by some one, possibly a vagrant riding on his train. Police said P. S. Lotsey, brakeman gressional sanction.

on the halted train, had gone back warning fuse, but it was too late to project, a long-term enterprise halt the 60-car train following.

# Roosevelt-King Talk Home for Clemenceau Kin May Bring Tighter

Hopkins to Join Week-End Hyde Park Conference With Prime Minister

By JOHN C. HENRY, HYDE PARK, N. Y., April 19 .-President Roosevelt and his closest advisers on the Nation's defense and

aid programs. Harry L. Hopkins awaited arrival here this week end of Canada's Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King, for conferences ex-Hull, who arranged for the clipper pected to bring into even closer warto pick up the wife and child on time collaboration these neighbor

Although no official information

has been given by White House spokesmen as to the nature of the discussions, a variety of emergency joint problems faces the two governments. Some of these follow 1. Canadian needs for financial aid, either through their participa-

tion in the benefits of the lease-lend formula, by direct cash advances for further purchasing in this country. or by a currency stabilization agreement. It is not unlikely that all of these possibilities may become actualities as the degree of American effort on behalf of the axis foes in-Greenland Defense an Issue.

Thus far Canada has been using

her American credits for procurement here rather than obtaining material on the lease-lend basis. It is on this question of Canadian production and purchasing alone that Mr. Hopkins is expected to participate in tomorrow's consultation. 2. Steps to be taken for the defense of Greenland against possible Nazi raiding or efforts at occupation, and perhaps for use of the island as a trans-shipping point in the maintenance of a North Atlantic supply

line between this continent and the British Isles Provisions of the agreement signed earlier this month by Secretary of State Hull and the Danish Minister in Washington specify that any or all American nations should have

access to the island facilities.

Speculation on Iceland. Recent speculation that the United States might extend its protective influence even to Iceland, now occupied by British and Canadian troops, lends weight to the possibility thatthis far northern route for trans-Atlantic shipping is to

be further developed. Protection of Greenland is of particular importance to Canada, a relatively short ocean jump from Newfoundland and the entrance of the St. Lawrence waterway.

3. Possible opening of the Canaineer of the 56-car train that had dian port of Halifax for American shipping, a step which would fit into this same North Atlantic supply emergency air brakes, had been route. Since Halifax is a belligerent port, however, any change in its proscribed status would require con-

4. Progress of the St. Lawrence up the track and placed a lighted waterway and power development (See ROOSEVELT, Page A-7.)

## sovereignty by a series of treaties with Britain, and in 1930 the two nations mutually recognized to be series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the series of treaties by the series of treaties and the serie nations mutually recognized each other as sovereign states. Britain, Heat Wave This Afternoon

Prolongation of Washington's Thunderstorms and showers, howspring "heat wave," which resulted ever, are expected to herald the in two heat prostrations yesterday, was expected today to draw thouthe British immediately took Basra sands to public parks and highwith Indian troops, and won the aid, ways, particularly the Tidal Basin heat this afternoon. or at least the passivity, of the area where pink double cherry blossoms are in full bloom

All Sunday leaves were cancelled in the ranks of Park Police to have the Turks stopped them at Kut, available the entire force to handle anticipated parkway-choking trafand finally, after 24,000 British fic, and Metropilitan policemen were casualties, forced the remaining set for a busy day at downtown intersections and residential streets adjacent to park areas.

> duty on Tidal Basin roadways and other federally patrolled arteries last night as throngs of motorists visited cool park sections after a day of heat which drove the mer-

Ten extra park policemen were on

lihood" of showers breaking the Yesterday's summerlike weather marked the sixth consecutive day of temperatures in the 80s for the District. Heat victims were: Mrs. Bella Piltz, 55. Providence. R. I., who collapsed at a tourist

arrival of "much cooler" weather

tonight and tomorrow, the fore-

caster said, adding there is a "like-

home in the 3000 block of Bladensourg road N.E. and was taken to Casualty Hospital in an ambulance. Her condition was described as Raiders, Cosgrave Says Richard Cox, 27, of 1800 Massa- By the Associated Press.

gency Hospital, where he was tralia, declared today that four-motreated for heat prostration and tored Consolidated bombers had The temperature had dropped to commerce raiders operating in the

#### made with Southern operators. Latter bolted joint conference after refusing to agree to elimination of wage differential for their area. Meanwhile, Army warned tie-up would entail sharp curtailment of steel production. President Roosevelt and his Secetary of Labor intervened, respec-

ively, yesterday in labor relations problems of the shipbuilding and coal mining industries, both vital to national defense. Secretary Perkins was rebuffed in a request for resumption of soft coal

production from Northern mines next Tuesday The Chief Executive, at his Hyde Park (N. Y.) home, urged Pacific Coast shipyard managers and workers to ratify a coastwide master contract for wages. Such an agreement would be effective for the

duration of the national emergency.

O. P. M. Originated Plan. Through a secretary, Mr. Roosevelt said adoption of the plan-a proposal of the Office of Production Management—would result in speeding up the whole shipbuilding program and set a precedent for Eastern yards.

said a tentative agreement had been reached, but that "a minority group in Seattle is attempting to block ratification. At Seattle, a Machinists' Union

leader denied a "minority group"

The secretary, William D. Hassett,

would attempt to block the agree-"The President means us. Local 79 of the Machinists' Union.' commented I. A. Sandvigen, business agent of the A. F. L. group, "but that is not correct. True, we voted against accepting the agreement, but it has always been the policy of Local 79 to go along with the majority. If the mafority of metal trades councils on the Coast accept the agreement,

so will we. Plea Made to Coal Men. Secretary Perkins appealed in the name of national defense for an end to the situation which has kept 400,000 soft coal miners idle while stocks of coal needed for defense

industries are dwindling. She asked Northern operators and the C. I. O. United Mine Workers of America-the two had come to a wage understanding in New York conferences-to resume production in Northern mines by next Tuesday. She asked Southern soft coal operators, who walked out of the general wage negotiations after a quarrel over North-South wage differentials, to undertake "further negotiations"

with the U. M. W. The Southern operators said they would resume negotiations but that they must be in Washington. U. M. W. President John L. Lewis said the miners would re-enter negotiations, but the meeting must be at New York, where details still were

### being discussed with Northern oper-

Lewis Rejects Proposal. Mr. Lewis turned down the Perkins proposal for separate operation of Northern mines while talks with the Southern operators proceeded. Both the Northern operators and Mr. Lewis expressed the view that the Government could help matters

by assisting in a resumption of nego-

Another development bearing on the coal situation was an announcement by Secretary Ickes that 1940 soft coal production costs averaged 18 cents a ton below averages used by the Interior Department's bituminous coal division in fixing

minimum prices. In view of this, Secretary Ickes said it was "reasonable to expect" that proceedings preliminary to adjustments in the minimum price levels might be opened soon. Informally, it was suggested by others,

(See STRIKES, Page A-3.)

# Man Drowns in Leap

From Fishing Boat A pleasant fishing trip for four men on the Potomac River last night turned into tragedy for one, who jumped off the boat the men had rented when it was about 100 feet off shore near Key Bridge, ac-

cording to police. Two of the men. Julius Hardin, 27, of 1010 Massachusetts avenue N.W., and Morris Goodman, 43, of 1008 C street N.W., said their companion. known to them only as "Amos." leaped into the river on their return trip to Crampton's Boat House, where the boat had been rented, and disappeared. They said they had rented the boat about 7:30 p.m.

The fourth man, whose name the others did not know, ran off as soon as the boat landed. Harbor police grappled for the

# U. S.-Made Planes Rout

body but were unable to find it.

chusetts avenue N.W., stricken on SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 19.-Pennsylvania avenue at Madison Lt.-Col. Lawrence M. Cosgrave, Caplace N.W. He was taken to Emer- nadian trade commissioner to Aussunk or driven out of action Ge